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SUMMARY: ITEM ON UNEP INTRODUCED IN SECOND COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 20 BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STRONG WHO OUTLINED THE MAJOR RESULTS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE WORK PROGRAM OF UNEP. HABITAT SEC. GENERAL PENALOSA REVIEWED THE STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1976 CONFERENCE. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF KENYA, DAHOMEY, USSR AND FRG. DEBATE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER 22. U.S. INSCRIBED TO SPEAK ON LAST DAY. END SUMMARY.

1. ITEM INTRODUCED IN SECOND COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 20 BY MAURICE STRONG. UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. FULL STATEMENT WILL BE POUCHED; HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

(A) PRINCIPAL PROPOSALS ARISING OUT OF THE THIRD SESSION  
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OF GOVERNING COUNCIL INCLUDE: IMPROVING REPORT

ON THE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CONCENTRATION OF UNEP IN SMALL NUMBER OF PRIORITY AREAS, INITIATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF SHARED ECONOMIC RESOURCES, DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE, INITIATION OF INTERNATIONAL HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT FOUNDATION, INCLUSION OF "RELATIONSHIP OF ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT" ON FOURTH SESSION AGENDA, AND ALLOCATION OF \$82 MILLION FOR 1975/77 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

(B) FOLLOWING FROM GUIDANCE AT THIRD GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION, UNEP TO FOCUS ITS ACTIVITIES ON: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND HABITAT, HUMAN HEALTH, TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, OCEANS, ENERGY, CONSERVATION OF GENETIC RESOURCES, EDUCATION, EARTHWATCH, OUTER LIMITS, SUPPORTING MEASURES, ENVIRONMENT LAW AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.

(C) WITH REGARD TO THE HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION, STRONG REPORTED ITS SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING WITH HIMSELF AS ADMINISTRATOR AND APPEALED FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY GOVERNMENTS.

(D) TURNING TO UNEP ITSELF, STRONG SAID THAT MOST OF THE "START-UP" DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN OVERCOME AND THAT THE UNEP SECRETARIAT WAS BASICALLY IN PLACE. HE NOTED THAT THE INITIAL LAG IN UNEP FUND EXPENDITURES WAS NO LONGER THE CASE; RATHER THE PROBLEM NOW WAS ONE OF A POSSIBLE CASH SQUEEZE. HE REPORTED THAT 1973-77 PLEDGES TOTAL \$109 MILLION TO COUNTRIES NOT YET CONTRIBUTING TO JOIN IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL NEEDED RESOURCES.

(E) WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT UNEP SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE UN RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE, STRONG URGED THAT ANY CENTRALIZATION OF FUNCTIONS NOT IMPAIR UNEP'S SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

(F) STRONG CONCLUDED WITH A SOMEWHAT PHILOSOPHICAL OVERVIEW OF THE INTERRELATEDNESS OF ENVIRONMENT WITH ALL AREAS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE COMMENTED: "ON A GLOBAL BASIS, THE KIND OF GROWTH I AM ADVOCATING WILL INVOLVE A MASSIVE REDEPLOYMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY TOWARDS THE DEVELOPING WORLD TO PRODUCE A MUCH MORE BALANCED AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY. THIS WOULD MAKE SENSE FROM BOTH THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT POINTS OF VIEW."

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2. SECOND SPEAKER WAS HABITAT SEC GEN PENALOSA WHO REVIEWED BASIC RATIONALE FOR THE CONFERENCE AS WELL AS THE PREPARATORY WORK. BRUSHING LIGHTLY OVER ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE 30TH UNGA. HE SIMPLY NOTED THAT THE QUESTIONS OF "INVITATIONS" AND USE OF ARABIC HAD TO BE DECIDED ON. HE ALSO COMMENDED TO THE COMMITTEE THE SECRETARIAT'S SUGGESTION FOR EXPERT SEMINARS TO BE RUN PARALLEL TO THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.

3. ONLY FOUR REPS SPOKE: KENYA, DAHOMEY, USSR AND FRG. KENYAN REP WAS GENERALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE INCREASED WORLD CONSCIOUSNESS OF ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS AND ABOUT UNEP'S IMPROVED PERFORMANCE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DESERTIFICATION AND HABITAT CONFERENCES. IN LATER CONTEXT, HE CALLED FOR A TWO-WEEK PREPCOM IN JANUARY. DAHOMEY CHIDED INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL AID GIVERS FOR NOT INCLUDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. USSR STATEMENT WAS ESSENTIALLY DOWN-BEAT, ACCUSING UNEP OF SPENDING TOO MUCH EFFORT ON MINOR PROJECTS AND FAILING TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL, HE REAFFIRMED USSR RESERVATIONS TO UNEP'S PROGRAM AND CALLED FOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF STATE PLANNING. USSR REP WOUND UP WITH BY NOW CUSTOMARY NOD TO THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE, DISARMAMENT AND NIEO/CERDS, ALL OF WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS NECESSARY PRECONDITIONS TO PROGRESS ON ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONS. FRG REP NOTED THE DIFFUSE NATURE OF ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST THIS LEADING TO AN EXPANSION OF THE BASIC UNEP MANDATE AS A COORDINATING BODY. HE SUGGESTED THAT UNEP SHOULD FOCUS ON INFORMATION AND EARTHWATCH, THE TRANSFER OF ENVIRONMENT TECHNOLOGY, HUMAN ECOLOGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.

4. SECOND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER 22. THIRTY-FIVE SPEAKERS REMAIN ON THE LIST. U.S. IS INSCRIBED TO SPEAK ON OCTOBER 22.  
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